

PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

November 11, 2011















A MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

It is such a privilege for me to introduce this special edition honoring the veterans who work for the Placer County Sheriff's Office, as well as several retirees. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to one of my heroes. His name is Al Cooper.

I first met Al when I became Sheriff in 1995. He was a legislative advocate for the

California State Sheriffs' Association, but what a storied life he led. In WWII. Al enlisted in the Army Air Corps and ended up in Foggia, Italy flying B24 Liberator bombers as part of the 726th Bombardment Squadron, 451st Bomb Group (Heavy) of the 15th Air Force. He actually flew two bombing missions on D-Day. On October 1, 1944. on his 23rd mission Al was the pilot of the Bad Penny and had just dropped his bombs on a tank factory in Vienna, Austria. Shortly after the bombs were deployed his aircraft was struck by flak

bursts (anti-aircraft fire). Al was wounded and two of the plane's four engines were knocked out. Eventually a third engine became disabled and the crew was forced to bail out over German-occupied Hungary.

Al landed in a corn field and soon thereafter was approached by two Yugoslavian partisans. They did their best to shield him from German soldiers who were searching fervently for Al and his crew. The entire crew was rescued by partisans and reunited and given protection by a partisan army led by Marshal Josip Broz Tito. Al actually met Marshal Tito during his extended stay.

Living on the ground among the partisans was hard and dangerous. He was on the ground from October 1944 to April 1945.

After leaving active duty, Al remained with the Army Reserves until retiring in 1960 at the rank of Captain. In 1948, he joined the California Highway Patrol. Working his way through the ranks he retired in 1978

> as Deputy Commissioner. He continued to advocate for public safety by working for the California Peace Officers' Association, California Police Chiefs' Association and the California State Sheriffs' Association. He retired from CSSA in 1998, but continues to represent the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office under the dome in Sacramento.

Al Cooper is my hero. You will find other heroes, other Al Coopers in the following pages. People who

have served their country in our armed forces and continue to serve their country and community in public safety, working diligently to ensure our communities are safe places to live, work and raise our families. With this special Veterans Day edition, I salute each and every one. I thank you for your service then and now. It is my distinct honor to be associated with you all.





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JEFFREY AUSNOW

US Army

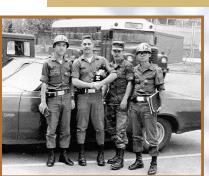
1981—1984

Military Police, E-4

Assignments: 8th Army Korea, 2nd Infantry Division Korea Awarded: Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation

Medal, Jungle Warfare Expert **PCSO** Employee since 1986

Captain, North Lake Tahoe













ROBERT BRADLEY

US Navy

January 1976—February 1997

Cryptology/Electronic Warfare Officer, Chief Warrant Officer, CW03 Assignments: Chesapeake VA, Misawa Japan, Pensacola FL, Fort George G. Meade MD, Tampa FL, Wahiawa HI; 25 Ship and Submarine

Assignments

Awarded: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corp Commendation Medal (3), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy/Marine Corp Achievement Medal (4), Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation (2), Navy Unit Commendation (6), Meritorious Unit Commendation (3), Navy E Award (3), Good Conduct Medal (3), Navy Expeditionary Medal (3), National Defense Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (2), Navy Sea Service Ribbon (4), Navy Arctic Sea Service Ribbon, Navy Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Emrite of Kuwait) (Desert Shield), Navy Expert Rifleman Medal, Navy Expert Pistol Medal, Silver Dolphin Insignia (Submarine Qualified)

PCSO Employee since 2002 Deputy Sheriff, Auburn









DARREN BUTCHER

US Army
May 1995—May 1999
00B Deep Sea Diver, Salvage Diver, Sergeant, E-5
Assignments: Fort Eustis VA
PCSO Employee since 2001
Correctional Officer, Auburn Jail







WALTER CHATHAM

US Army and US Army Reserves 1965—1973

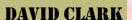
Artillery Ballistics Meteorology, Specialist 5, E5
Assignments: Fort Polk LA, Fort Sill OK,
Camp St. Barbara Korea
Awarded: National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal

PCSO Employee since 1976

Deputy Sheriff, Background Unit







California Army National Guard

1986—1996

95B Military Police, Sergeant, E-5

Assignments: Alameda CA, Pittsburg CA, Germany, South Korea Served in Task Force Grizzly, Wolf & Fox, CAARNG, Counter-Drug, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield, LA Riots Hollenbeck Division, Loma Prieta Earthquake, Team Spirit South Korea 1987/89 PCSO Employee since 1995

Deputy Sheriff, Loomis













JESS COFFER

US Army April 1993—June 1996 11B, Corporal, E-4

Assignments: Fort Benning GA, Schofield Barracks HI, Fort Irwin CA, Fort Polk LA, Port Au Prince Haiti

Awarded: Army Lapel Button with Oak Leaf Cluster, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Good Conduct Medal, Expert Marksmanship Badge with Grenade Bar, National Defense Service Medal, Expert Infantry Badge, Army Service Ribbon

PCSO Employee since 2006 Correctional Officer, Auburn Jail











DAVID CUTTING

US Navy

November 1975—November 1981 Boatswains Mate, Petty Officer 2nd Class, E-6 Assignments: USS Cook, Special Boat Unit II PCSO Employee from 1994 to 2007

Retired Sergeant



STEPHEN D'ARCY

US Army, US Army Reserves, US Coast Guard Reserves 1970—1977

Military Police Officer, Sergeant, E-5, Boating Safety Officer, PS-2 Assignments: Fort Jackson SC, Fort Gordon GA, Fort Ord CA Awarded: Expert—Rifle/Pistol/Grenade, National Defense Service Medal, Military Police Academy, Non-Commissioned Officers Academy PCSO Employee from 1994 to 2008 Retired Undersheriff







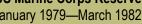


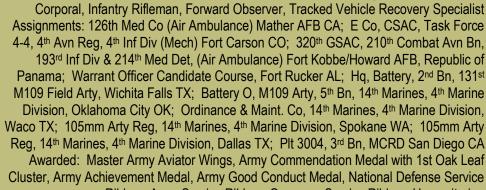


J.C. DODD

California Army National Guard May 1992—March 2000 Chief Warrant Officer-Four, (Retired) UH-1 Huey & UH60A Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot **US Armv**

May 1983—September 1990 Chief Warrant Officer-Two, UH-1 Huey Pilot **Texas Army National Guard** March 1982—May 1983 Specialist-Four, Radioman **US Marine Corps Reserve** January 1979—March 1982





Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal and California State Service Ribbon. Graduated Series Honorman from USMC Basic Training and received the Leatherneck Award PCSO Employee since 2011 Deputy Sheriff, Air Operations Unit











JOHN FITZGERALD

US Navy—Aviation 1966-1970 Aviation Machinist Mate, Jet Engine, ADJ-3

Plane Captain—A4C Skyhawk Aircraft Assignments: Alameda CA, Lemoore CA Served on Anti-Submarine Fighter Squadron One, Attack Squadron 95, Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron, Aircraft Carrier USS Independence, Aircraft Carrier USS Bennington

Awarded: Vietnam Service Medal, Plane Captain Awards PCSO Employee since 1985

Retired Captain; Deputy Sheriff, Civil Unit







ROBERT FRANZ

US Navy, US Naval Reserve

October 1984—February 1996

Petty Officer Second Class, Aviation Support Equipment Electrician, Military Police

Assignments: San Diego CA, Millington TN, Jacksonville FL, Sicily Italy, Keflavik Iceland

Awarded: M14 Rifle Expert, .45 Cal Pistol Marksman, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Overseas Service Ribbon (4), Good Conduct Award, Navy Unit

Commendation

PCSO Employee since 1976

Sergeant, Civil Unit





ALFREDO GUITRON, JR.

US Air Force

July 1991—May 1997

Aircraft Hydraulic Systems Specialist, Senior Airman

Assignments: Lackland AFB TX, Chanute AFB IL, Travis AFB CA

Served in Guantanamo Bay Cuba in support of Operation

Sea Signal Joint Task Force 160

Awarded: National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Outstanding Unit

Medal, Expert Marksman PCSO Employee since 1997

Detective Sergeant, Investigations Unit







RICK HARROUN

US Air Force

May 1990-May 1994 C-5 Crew Chief, E-4

Assignments: Travis AFB CA

Served in Egypt in Support of Somalia

Awarded: Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, AF Training Ribbon, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon, AF Outstanding Unit Award

PCSO Employee since 1997 Detective, Investigations Unit









ERIC HINTZE

US Marine Corps

October 1997—October 2002

Small Arms Instructor, Aircraft Support Mechanic/Hydraulics, Sergeant, E-5 Assignments: San Diego CA, Pensacola FL, Jacksonville NC Awarded: 4th Award Rifle Expert, Pistol Sharpshooter, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense with Star

PCSO Employee since 2005 Deputy Sheriff, Loomis









MATT HOLGUIN

US Air Force Reserve, Army, Army National Guard

Logistic Readiness Officer, Military Policy, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, First Lieutenant Assignments: Travis AFB CA, Beale AFB CA, C. Co. 1/184 Infantry Auburn CA, Fort Bragg NC Served overseas wartime in Afghanistan, Turkey, Italy, Cuba

Served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Joint Forge

Awarded: Airborne Badge, Expert Rifle/Pistol/Grenades, AF Commendation Medal, AF Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Achievement Medal, Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, National Defense Medal (2), Air Force Expeditionary Ribbon, Air Force Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Enlisted Excellence Ribbon, State Active **Duty Ribbon (LA Riots)**

PCSO Employee from 1993 to 2005 Retired Sergeant

















JACK "BERT" HOUSER

US Air Force

1970—1974

Crew Chief—F-4 Fighter Bomber, Crash Recovery Crew, Aircraft Mechanic, Sergeant, E-4

Assignments: Korat AFB Thailand, Lackland AFB TX, Wichita Falls TX

Awarded: Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Outstanding Unit Medal,

Small Arms Expert Ribbon
PCSO Employee since 1977
Deputy Sheriff, Court Security Unit



JAMES HUDSON

US Army, Army National Guard

July 1987—September 1998 Petroleum Analyst, SSG, E-6

Assignments: Hunter Army Airfield GA, Soto-Cano Honduras, Panama,

Saudi Arabia, Iraq

Served in Just Cause, Desert Shield, Desert Storm

Awarded: Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (5), Southwest Asia Campaign, Bronze Star Clusters (2),

Good Conduct Medal

PCSO Employee since 1998











AARON LIMOGES

US Army

September 1999—September 2002

Infantry, E-4

Assignments: Vilseck Germany

Awarded: National Defense Medal, NATO Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon,

German Armed Forces, Marksmanship Badge

PCSO Employee since 2006 Correctional Officer, Auburn Jail



ADAM LIMOGES

US Marine Corps August 1993—May 1998

0311 Infantry Rifleman, Sergeant, E-5

Assignments: 3rd Battalion/7th Marines Lima Company, Marine Security Guard Battalion Quantico VA, MSG Detachment American Embassy Helsinki, MSG Detachment American Embassy Kathmandu

PCSO Employee since 2006

Correctional Officer, Auburn Jail





MICHAEL LYKE

US Army

July 1986—February 1990 95B20 Military Police, Sergeant, E-5 Assignments: D. Co. 10th MP Battalion, 110th MP Company Muenchweiler FRG, 5th MP Company Fort Polk LA Awarded: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal

> PCSO Employee since 1995 Sergeant, Auburn





REBECCA LYKE

US Air Force

1979—1983

Mission Jet Engine Mechanic, E-3
Assignments: Travis AFB CA
Attached to the 60th FMS Squadron
Awarded: Good Conduct Medal, Marksmanship Ribbon
PCSO Employee since 2000

Correctional Sergeant, Auburn Jail







GLENN MCNAMA

US Marine Corps

1977—1988

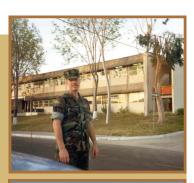
Scout Sniper Platoon, Communications Security, Recruiter, Infantry Squad Leader, Sergeant

Assignments: Okinawa Japan, Camp Pendleton CA, New Hampshire Awarded: Expert Shooter—Rifle, Sharpshooter—Pistol, Good Conduct Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Overseas Deployment Ribbon,

Meritorious Mast/Commendation

Deputy Sheriff, Foresthill









RICHARD "MIKE" MECUM

US Air Force, Air Force Reserves

June 1975- May 1980, April 1984-Present

In-Flight Refueling Technician, Instructor/Evaluator, Master Sergeant Assignments: Duluth AFB MN, Mather AFB CA, McClellan AFB CA, Beale AFB CA, Mildenhall AFB England, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam,

Germany, France, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Turkey

Awarded: Master Air Crew Wings, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device, Combat Readiness Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, AF Longevity Service, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 10 "M" Devices, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon—Rifle, AF Training Ribbon, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi

Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait PCSO Employee from 1980 to 2009

Retired Deputy Sheriff













DENNIS MEEH

US Air Force

December 1979—August 1985
Nuclear Weapons Technician, Staff Sergeant
Assignments: Mather AFB CA, Hill AFB UT
Awarded: Senior Missile Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Air
Force Achievement Medal, Outstanding Unit Award,
Munitions Master Team Chief, Master Technician,
Longevity Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Ribbon
PCSO Employee since 1987
Deputy Sheriff



DAVID PABST

US Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserves

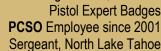
October 1984—Present

Infantry Rifleman, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Platoon Commander, Company Commander, Liaison Officer, Chief Warrant Officer 4

Assignments: Afghanistan, Iraq, Korea, Japan, Philippines, Guam, Europe, Arctic Circle, various stateside locations

Currently assigned as a Liaison Officer for the MCCLL in Quantico VA Served in Afghanistan in Intelligence and Director of the Iraqi Police Academies throughout Iraq















RANDOLPH PADILLA

US Air Force

May 1971—August 1973

Security Police—Law Enforcement Branch, Airman First Class, E-3

Assignments: Lackland AFB TX, Randolph AFB TX, Castle AFB CA, Bitburg AFB Germany,

McConnell AFB KS

Awarded: Communication Specialist, National Defense Medal, Small Arms Expert Ribbon,

Cold War Service Commendation **PCSO** Employee since 1974 Deputy Sheriff, Court Security



E. R. "ED" PRESLEY

US Army, Signal Corps

1947—1950

Assignments: Training Cadre, Fort Ord CA, Communications Sergeant USARPAC,

220th Signal Depot CO, Honolulu HI

PCSO Employee from 1955 to 1986

Retired Chief Deputy



DAVID ROSE

US Army

October 1971—October 1973

Senior Military Policeman, Specialist 4

Assignments: Fort Ord CA, Saigon RVN, Fort Riley KS

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Vietnam Service Medal, National

Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar, Expert M16/Hand Grenade

PCSO Employee from 1978 to 2003

Retired Lieutenant



SHAWN ROSNER

US Air Force

August 1982—October 1984

Security Police, Military Working Dog Handler, Airman First Class

Assignments: Lackland AFB TX, Sheppard AFB TX, Lajes Field Portugal

Awarded: Basic Military Training Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Ribon—M-16/MDL 15, Air Force Outstanding

Unit Award Ribbon, Overseas Long Tour Ribbon

PCSO Employee since 1997

Deputy Sheriff, Loomis



CHRISTOPHER SLANE

US Navy

November 1967—January 1970

Boatswains Mate, Boat Captain, Petty Officer 2nd Class, E-5

Assignments: Hawaii, Philippine Islands, Vietnam

Awarded: Vietnam Service Ribbon, Vietnamese Service Ribbon with Device, Combat Action Ribbon,

National Defense Ribbon

PCSO Employee since 1974

Deputy Sheriff, Court Security



MICHAEL SNEED

US Army

February 1969—February 1972

05D30 Spident Operator, Specialist 5, E-5, Special Identification Technician Operator Assignments: Fort Devens MA, Southeast Asia, Vietnam, Thailand, Vinthill Farms ASA VA, Fort Ord CA Awarded: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal,

Sharpshooter Badge—Rifle

PCSO Employee from 1985 to 2007

Retired Sergeant





ROBERT "MIKE" THOMPSON

US Air Force, Air National Guard July 1965—May 1969, 1974—1978

Aircraft Electronics Technician, SSGT

Assignments: 60th Military Airlift Wing Travis AFB CA, 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing Eglin AFB FL, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing Ubon RTAFB Thailand, 25th Tactical Fighter Squadron Ubon RTAFB Thailand, 16th Special Operations Squadron Ubon RTAFB

Thailand, 152nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron Reno NV

Awarded: Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Cold War Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Outstanding Unit Citation, Governor's Unit Citation, Aircraft Maintenance Badge

PCSO Employee since 1970

Retired Sergeant; Deputy Sheriff, Court Security











TRAVIS THORNSBERRY

US Marine Corps

January 2003—February 2007

Sergeant, E-5

Primary MOS: Infantry (Mortarman)

Secondary MOS: Marine Corps Security Forces

Assignments: Naval Sub Base, Bangor WA, 1st Battalion

8th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune NC

PCSO Employee since 2001 Deputy Sheriff, Auburn Jail





MACK TSUJIMOTO

US Army Air Force, US Air Force Reserve

1944—1951

Staff Sergeant, Medical Administrative Specialist, Flight Surgeon Crew, Technical Sergeant

Assignments: Camp Blanding FL, Shepard AFB TX, Philippines, Japan Awarded: American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal

PCSO Volunteer since 1953





MARSHAL "ROCKY" WARREN

US Army

1974—1977

Military Police, Specialist 4

Assignments: 988th MP Co Fort Benning GA, 534th MP Co Fort Clayton

Panama Canal Zone

Awarded: National Defense Medal, Expert Qualification

Badge—Rifle/Pistol/Grenade

PCSO Employee since 1978

Retired Sergeant; Deputy Sheriff, Court Security













US Army, Air National Guard

1983-2004

Life Support Technician, Technical Sergeant

Assignments: Germany, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Central America, South America

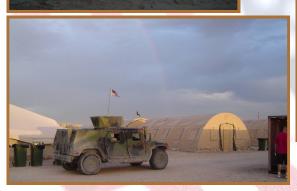
Served in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom Awarded: Life Support Master Technician, Security Police, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Overseas Deployment Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation, **NCO Academy**

Recognition by Senator Tim Leslie, Placer County Board of Supervisors, and Placer County Law Enforcement Agencies for **Outstanding Service**

PCSO Employee since 1992 Lieutenant, North Lake Tahoe











JEFFREY WINKLER

US Army

January 1991—August 1996

Sergeant, E-5, 13P—Fire Direction Specialist for the Multiple Launch Rocket System

Assignments: Ft Sill OK, Bamberg Germany

Awarded: Army Achievement Medal (3), Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal w/1 Knot, NCO Schools Ribbon, Army

Service Ribbon PCSO Employee since 2004

Correctional Sergeant, Auburn Jail







RICK WROOBEL

Army National Guard 2001—2010 Staff Sergeant, E-6 MOS: 11B/11C Infantry

Assignments: Stateside and Iraq

Served two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom
Awarded: Iraq Campaign Medal w/3 Campaign Stars, Combat
Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve
Component Achievement Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal,
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer
Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon

PCSO Employee since 2001

Detective, Investigations Unit, North Lake Tahoe









HONORARY MEMBER



KYLE VAN SAMBEEK

US Army

January 2002—February 2005, August 2008—October 2009 11B Infantryman, SPC

Served two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Assignments: Fort Benning GA, Fort Lewis WA, Fort Irwin CA, Fort Polk LA, Camp Rilea OR, Fort Dix NJ

Awarded: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2), Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary

Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Overseas Service Bar (3), Combat Infantry Badge

Custodian at the Auburn Justice Center





MORE GREAT PHOTOS...







ABOVE: SUBMITTED BY GLENN MCNAMA

RIGHT/BELOW: SUBMITTED BY DAVE PABST

















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